

To whom it may concern:

I am of the belief that the new Broadband over Power Lines (BPL) technology is not in our nation's best interest at this time. It is still a largely unproven technology, but it is being promoted as a fix-all, fail-safe solution to internet problems- from costs to availability. While these are valid points, radio spectrum pollution must be considered. The HF radio spectrum is a valuable asset not only to those who use it for recreation but also to national security. The Amateur Radio community has again and again provided aid in disasters and other situations where traditional communications systems were available. Interference propagated by BPL will be a major detriment to this licensed service, among others.

It seems that BPL providers are not being held to the same standards as others. There has been a documented case of interference to a licensed HF spectrum radio operator that was reported, yet not remedied over a ten week period. This is unacceptable.

Even the commissioners of the FCC seem to be blind supporters of BPL. As a regulatory agency, it is their job to regulate, not promote. Even though they are plainly aware of the interference potentials posed by BPL, they pay no heed to them.

In conclusion, until BPL can be further tested and improved, it should not be granted a nationwide 'green light'. Too much is at stake to blindly support and implement this technology.

Sincerely,
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